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1. IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS TWO EXCELLENT SOURCES (ONE MILITARY AND ONE CIVILIAN) HAVE TOLD EMBOFFS THAT DURING VISIT HERE IN LATE APRIL ARGENTINE FONMIN MONTES URGED THE URUGUAYANS TO ATTACK THE IAHRC AND ITS REPORT ON URUGUAY AT THE VIII OASGA. MONTES ASSURED ARGENTINA'S SUPPORT TO URUGUAY IN THE ENSUING DEBATE. BOTH SOURCES INDICATED THAT MONTES' REPRESENTATION WAS RESENTED AND GENERALLY INTERPRETED WITHIN THE GOU AS AN INVITATION TO URUGUAY TO AGAIN ACT AS CANNON FODDER, AS AT GRENADA.

2. ONE REASON FOR THE LACK OF URUGUAYAN RECEPTIVITY IS THE GOU'S DECISION TO PLAY DOWN ITS DIFFERENCES WITH THE IAHRC AT THE VIII OASGA. THE GOU DELEGATION TO THE VIII OASGA IS EXPECTED TO INCLUDE FOREIGN OFFICE PROFESSIONALS,
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FORMER UN AMBASSADOR CARLOS GIAMBRUNO AND FORMER OAS AMBASSADOR MARQUES SERE, TO ASSURE THAT THE GOU APPROACH IS DEFT AND EFFECTIVE. EVEN IF FONMIN ROVIRA LEADS THE DELEGATION, WHICH IS NOT CERTAIN, HE IS NOW ON BOARD IN SUPPORT OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION AT THE OASGA AND BUILDING ON THE POSITIVE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES VISITS HERE. THERE IS A MOVE AFOOT TO REMOVE OAS AMBAS-

SADOR ROCA BEFORE THE GA TO ENSURE AGAINST ANY UNAUTHORIZED,
NEGATIVE ACTIONS ON HIS PART.

3. COMMENT. THE REPORTED ARGENTINE URGING APPEARS TO HAVE
FALLEN ON DEAF EARS HERE AND, IN FACT, MAY HAVE BEEN
COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. THE APPROACH TO URUGUAY MIGHT HAVE BEEN
AN ISOLATED INITIATIVE ON MONTES' PART. IF NOT, THE
ARGENTINES ALSO MIGHT BE URGING PARAGUAY
AND PERHAPS EVEN NICARAGUA TO LEAD THE CHARGE AGAINST THE
IAHRC AS PART OF AN OVERALL STRATEGY WHICH LEAVES THE
GOA SAFELY IN THE REAR.
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